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Appointment of three members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. On 19 March 2001, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session for 2001, would be called upon to appoint three members to serve on the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), when the term of office of three members expired on 30 June 2001. In the same note verbale, the Secretary-General requested Governments to submit the names and curricula vitae of candidates not later than 18 April 2001.

2. Under the provisions of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in annex I below.

3. At the 13th plenary meeting of its regular session in 1983, the Economic and Social Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to maintain the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board without prejudice to any further decision the Council might wish to take with regard to the composition of the Board and the distribution of seats on it (see E/1983/SR.13). Accordingly, in order to maintain the existing geographical balance, the vacancies should be filled by the appointment of one member from the three regional groups concerned.

4. The candidates listed in annex I were nominated by their Governments in response to the Secretary-General's note verbale of 19 March 2001. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in annex II.

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Annex I

Current membership of the Board of Trustees of INSTRAW

Ms. Esther M. Ashton (Bolivia)
1995-2001

Ms. Ana Maria Braga da Cruz (Portugal)
1999-2002

Ms. Antigoni Karali-Dimitriadi (Greece)
2000-2003

Ms. Boutheina Gribaa (Tunisia)
2000-2003

Prof. Hanan El-Malki (Syrian Arab Republic)
1999-2002

Ms. Jane N. Mulemwa (Uganda)
1999-2002

Ms. Norica Nicolai (Romania)
2000-2003

Ms. Mamosebi Theresia Pholo (Lesotho)
1998-2001

Prof. Tehmina Hussain (Bangladesh)
2000-2003

Ms. Pauline Sukhai (Guyana)
2000-2003

Ms. Cecilia Valcarcel Alcazar (Spain)
1998-2001

Annex II

Biographical information on candidates for appointment for the Board of Trustees of INSTRAW

Juka Fatou Jabang (Gambia). Director-General of the Management Development Institute, a professional in-service, training, research and consultancy institution established by the Government of the Gambia. Has ample experience in civil service, having served in various capacities in the Ministries of Finance and Trade; Works and Communications; Information and Tourism; and Economic Planning and Industrial Development. Has been instrumental in the formulation of the Government's population policy, trade policy and industrial development strategy. Has conducted research on women in top management in the Gambia and prepared training materials on gender-based violence.

Mamosebi Theresia Pholo (Lesotho). Director of Corporate Services and Legal Adviser for the Lesotho Water and Sewerage Authority. Previously, was Chief Executive of that Authority. Active in women's affairs since the early 1980s. A lawyer by profession, is a founding member of the Federation of Women Lawyers which strives to promote and protect the rights of women and children in Lesotho. Secretary-General of the Lesotho Human Rights Alert Group, executive member of Women in Law and Development in Africa, and a member of Women and Law in Southern Africa. Also a trainer of trainers in the southern African region on legal awareness, women's rights and gender equality. Designed and coordinates the Political Empowerment of Women Programme in Lesotho, in addition to having been the coordinator for Lesotho in the Human Rights and Democracy Project in Southern Africa. Has represented Lesotho in international conferences relating to human rights, particularly women's rights. Presented papers at the Meeting on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (The Hague, 1992), the World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna, 1993), the regional preparatory meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Senegal, 1994), and the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995).

Cecilia Valcarcel Alcazar (Spain). Adviser to the University Institute for Women of the Autonomous University of Madrid. Member of the Board of the Gregorio Sanchez Foundation; member of the Organizing Committee for the "Sonrisas" project of the Volunteer Group for Older Persons; and member of the Organizing Committee of the fifth European Conference on Health Education and Promotion. Has participated in numerous international conferences and seminars on women's health; older women; trafficking in women; globalization, women and development; and human rights. Has carried out research on issues concerning gender and citizenship, older women, gender relations and Islam, globalization and gender, women's roles in the family, and women's work.

Gloria Valerin Rodriguez (Costa Rica). Minister of Women's Affairs and Executive President of the National Women's Institute. Currently serving second term as General Coordinator for the Network of Governmental Entities and National Women's Machineries of the Latin American and the Caribbean Region. Has also held the posts of Deputy Minister of Justice and Director of the National Property Registry. Has represented her country as head of delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women, the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly, on population, and the twenty-third special session, on women; the Fourth Iberia-

American Meeting of Ministers of Women's Affairs, and the Eighth Regional Conference on Women of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), among others. A lawyer by profession, has ample experience serving on and heading advisory committees to the Legislative Assembly. Author of numerous publications on topics such as gender and legislation and women in positions of power.